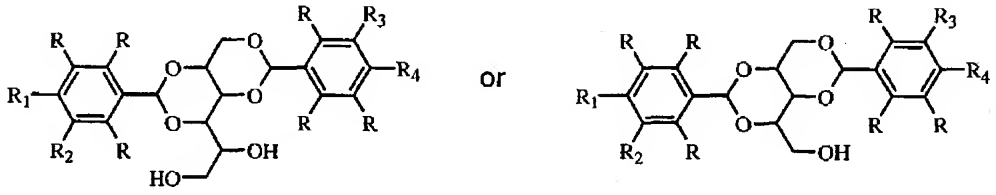
Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of Structure (I) or Structure (II):

(I) (II)



wherein R is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, lower alkyl groups containing 1-4 carbon atoms, lower alkoxy groups, chlorine and fluorine;

R_1, R_2, R_3, and R_4 are independently selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl groups containing 1-4 carbon atoms, lower alkoxy groups, and fluorine;

with the proviso that only one of R_1 and R_2 is fluorine, only one of R_3 and R_4 is fluorine, and

wherein at least one of R_1, R_2, R_3, and R_4 is a lower alkyl group;

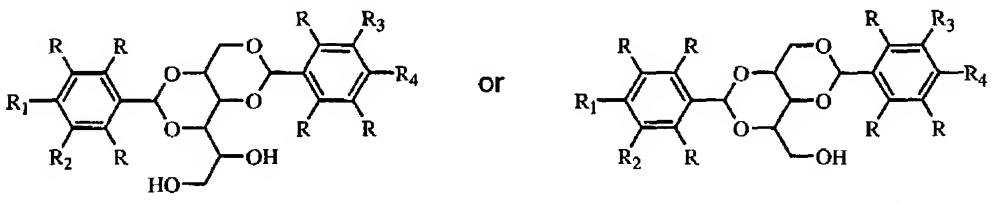
further wherein no more than two of said R_1 - R_4 groups comprise fluorine.

2. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 1 wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of bis(4-fluoro-3-methylbenzylidene)sorbitol; bis(3-fluoro-4-methylbenzylidene)-sorbitol; bis(4-fluoro-2,3-

dimethylbenzylidene)sorbitol; bis(3-fluoro-2,4-dimethylbenzyl-idene)sorbitol; and bis(3-fluoro-4-methoxy-benzylidene)sorbitol~~; and bis(2,4-difluoro-3-methylbenzylidene)sorbitol~~.

3. (New): A compound of Structure (I) or Structure (II):

(I) (II)

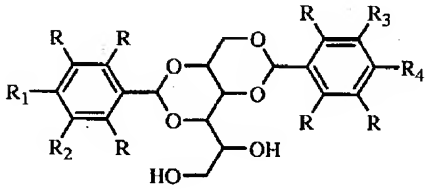


wherein R is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, lower alkyl groups containing 1-4 carbon atoms, lower alkoxy groups, and chlorine; R_1, R_2, R_3, and R_4 are independently selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl groups containing 1-4 carbon atoms, lower alkoxy groups, and fluorine;

with the proviso that only one of R_1 and R_2 is fluorine, only one of R_3 and R_4 is fluorine, and wherein at least one of R_1, R_2, R_3, and R_4 is a lower alkyl group; wherein said compound is characterized by polypropylene clarifying efficacy such that when mixed with a random copolymer polypropylene composition at a concentration of not more than .25% said compound yields a percent haze value of not more than 8.0 as measured by ASTM Standard Test Method D1003-61 on thermoplastic plaques of 50 mil thickness.

4. (New) A compound of Structure (I) or Structure (II):

(I)



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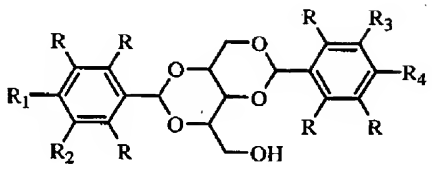
(II)



wherein R is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, lower alkyl groups containing 1-4 carbon atoms, lower alkoxy groups, chlorine and fluorine;

R_1, R_2, R_3, and R_4 are independently selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl groups containing 1-4 carbon atoms, lower alkoxy groups, chlorine and fluorine;

with the proviso that only one of R_1 and R_2 is fluorine, and only one of R_3 and R_4 is fluorine, and

wherein at least one of R_1, R_2, R_3, and R_4 is a lower alkyl group;

wherein no more than two of said R_1-R_4 groups comprise fluorine; and

wherein said compound is selected from the group of compounds consisting of:

bis(4-fluoro-3-methylbenzylidene)sorbitol; bis(3-fluoro-4-methylbenzylidene)-sorbitol; bis(4-fluoro-2,3-dimethylbenzylidene)sorbitol; bis(3-fluoro-2,4-dimethylbenzyl-idene)sorbitol; and bis(3-fluoro-4-methoxy-benzylidene)sorbitol.